



ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS

Have your mother or your father ever asked you to help out around the house by doing some chores?

Today Jesus shares another parable with us to teach us about God

Watch today's Gospel and come back to this page

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jCo-y_SGomk&pp=QAA%3D

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST

In our Gospel, Jesus told a story to show how different people obey what God has called them to do. In Jesus' parable of the two sons, the father asked both sons to go and work in his vineyard. One son answered, "No," but went and worked anyway – in the end. The other son answered "yes" but did not go and work. In telling the story, Jesus wanted us to realise that what we do is more important than what we say we will do. Jesus wants us to answer, "Yes," when he tells us to "Love one another," but what he really wants is for us to love one another! Jesus wants us to answer, "Yes," when he says, "Follow me," but what he really wants is for us to follow him! That's the kind of child I want to be. Isn't it the kind of child you want to be?

So what do your words say - and what do your *actions* say about your commitment to God? What do your words say about you following Jesus? What about serving and loving God and our neighbour?

Our challenge is to be very honest with ourselves and with God. Are we saying yes with our lips, but just responding "interested" with our hearts? Are we sending in our RSVP to God, but never really showing up to the 'party'? God has room for you at the party – everyone is welcome – the people who have known God for a long time – the people who want to say sorry to God – and you – and me – everyone! God's promise is heaven on earth; God's 'vineyard' is here on earth and in heaven. God's promise is the best invitation we're going to get. Let's say yes to God! And then – we have to show up! Everyday! Our actions have to speak louder than our words!

We are His masterpiece

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EokQVV-IWUg&pp=QAA%3D>

Some of our Gospel today reminded us of our forgiving God. When one son said 'no' but then changed his mind – the man didn't say "go away - I gave you a chance". NO – the man was happy that his son had changed his mind and came to help him. This is exactly what God does. God doesn't push anyone away – God welcomes everybody.

You Forgive Me

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LO-2fm7IKcU>

Think back to our Gospel today and see how you get on with this quiz ...

1. Both sons changed their minds. True or false
2. The father praised both sons. True or false
3. If we are wrong, we can still change. True or false
4. It doesn't matter what we do, as long as we say we'll do it. True or false
5. We must obey our Father in heaven. True or false



Let's Pray!

Jesus

Sometimes I say, "Yes," but my actions say, "No"

Help me to be faithful to do what you have called me to do

Help me to walk your ways and serve others as you would serve

Help me to think of ways to help people so that they can begin saying "Yes" to God!

I love you Jesus and want you to help me so that my actions speak louder than my words.

AMEN

I ask my friend Jesus to bless each one of you, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit – Amen.

I hope you and your families all have very happy school holidays. I hope that you all stay safe and enjoy some rest and some sleep-ins! I hope you are all noticing the new leaves on the trees and the birds singing in them. It is spring time! Don't forget to keep visiting Kids Corner on our website – we'll be updating the lesson for each Sunday. So - just because we can – and just because we're doing a good job of looking after each other - and we've moved to Alert Level 1 – here's another Sister Act flashback! Oh Happy Day ... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ArfN2iB6uB0>